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empire, with the exception of the altogether uncertain number of cases of plague in Formosa, is satisfactory.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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FRANCE.

Health report of Marseilles.—Anthrax reported at La Flèche.

The public health of the city of Marseilles for the week ended January 23, 1899, continues unchanged, influenza and chest affections being the prevailing diseases. Deaths have been from 28 to 32 daily. Population, 447,344. Apparently credible reports reach me concerning an epidemic of anthrax at La Flèche, department of Sarthe, which I translate in full for such consideration as the subject deserves:

La Flèche, January 20.—An epidemic of anthrax has broken out among the workmen employed at the Wilkins tannery. Five men employed in cleaning skins have been attacked simultaneously. One, aged 30, died Saturday, another (Froger), also aged 30, died Sunday. Two of their comrades are in a deplorable state, and other deaths are feared. The contaminated skins are supposed to be of foreign origin.

ROBERT P. SKINNER,
United States Consul.

FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres.*—Month of November, 1898. Estimated population, 800,000. Total number of deaths, 1,220, including diphtheria, 17; enteric fever, 8; measles, 6, and 5 from smallpox.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town.*—Two weeks ended December 30, 1898. Estimated population, 1,472. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.—Two weeks ended January 12, 1899. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

Two weeks ended January 26, 1899. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

Nassau.—Two weeks ended January 24, 1899. Estimated population, 11,000. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases.

Inagua.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 1,200. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

CHILE—*Antofagasta.*—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 14,000. Total number of deaths, 38, including influenza, 1, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

GERMANY—*Weimar.*—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 27,540. Total number of deaths, 26, including diphtheria, 2, and scarlet fever, 1.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended January 14,